THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) The Master Plan of Delhi-2001 suggested encouragement of housing through housing cooperatives both private and public, in addition to housing by Government agencies, local bodies and private individuals. Government *vide* Notification dated 3.6.99 encouraged private developers to take up group housing on a minimum plot of 3000 sq. mts. The need for providing an active role to the private sector and institutions engaged in the business of housing finance in providing housing has also been reiterated by the Government in the guidelines issued to the Delhi Development Authority for formulating Master Plan of Delhi-2021.

Water shortage in Dwarka

28. SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the Dwarka sub-city, a prestigious colony in South West Delhi of the Delhi Development Authority is reeling under acute water scarcity for the last two months or so;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the short-term and long-term measures contemplated to tide over the acute scarcity of water in the sub-city so that the colony may be self-sufficient with regard to the water supply?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. It has been informed by Delhi Jal Board (DJB) and the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) that against the minimum present requirement of 6 million gallons per day (MGD), the DJB has been able to supply only 3 MGD of water for Dwarka due to shortage of water.

(c) As a short-term measure, the DDA supplies water through water tankers as and when specific complaint of non-availability of piped water is received. To augment the water supply in Dwarka, Delhi Jal Board planned to set up a 40 Million Gallons per day (MGD) Water Treatment Plant at Dwarka. Raw water for this plant will be available from the saving of seepage losses of water after the construction of parallel lined channel from Munak to Haiderpur Water Treatment Plant for which the work has been taken in hand.